

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Muhammad A. HAWWA, <i>et al.</i>	)	
	)	Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: Unassigned	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: 27 January 2004	)	
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Title: <b>Airflow assisted ramp loading</b>	)	
<b>and unloading of sliders</b>	)	
<b>in hard disk drives</b>	)	
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Preliminarily, kindly amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached Replacement Sheet and an Annotated Sheet Showing Changes. (The Attachments follow page 10 of this paper.)

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.